

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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1. (Currently Amended) A state-of-device remote monitoring system comprising:
an on-the-spot area, ~~and a management area, said on-the-spot area~~ including:
an electric device;
a detector for ~~detecting a device state~~ measuring physical and electrical
operating characteristics of said electric device;
a first communication signal converter for converting detection data
obtained by ~~detection of~~ said detector into communication signals, and transmitting the
communication signals; and
a controller, having a memory for storing the detection data obtained by the
detection of said detector, for storing with the detection data the device state based on a
preset detection start program, and outputting the detection data stored in said memory to said
first communication signal converter based on a preset communication start program that
runs in correspondence with storage of the detection data, and
~~said a~~ management area including:
a second communication signal converter for converting the
communication signals received from said first communication signal converter into the
detection data ~~before~~;
a maintenance tool having a diagnostic/analytic program for analyzing the
device state from the detection data converted by said second communication signal
converter, and a maintenance database storing data necessary for analysis by said
diagnostic/analytic program and a diagnosed result; and
a display unit for displaying the diagnosed result obtained by the analysis
by said maintenance tool.

2. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to
claim 1, further comprising a general purpose network for transmitting the communication
signals transmitted from said first communication signal converter to said second
communication signal converter.

3. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to
claim 1, wherein
said first communication signal converter converts the detection data into radio
signals and transmits the radio signals, and

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said second communication signal converter converts the radio signals received from said first communication signal converter into the detection data.

4. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitor system according to claim 2, wherein

said on-the-spot area includes a mobile communication device for transmitting the radio signals based on the communication signals converted by said first communication signal converter, and

said general-purpose network includes:

at least one base station for receiving the radio signals of said mobile communication device and converting the radio signals into the communication signals; and

a mobile communication network for transferring the communication signals converted by said base station to a public line network.

5. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a power line for supplying said electric device with electric power from a power source device; and

connecting means for connecting said power line, said controller, and said first communication signal converter to each other, said controller transmitting the detection data to said first communication signal converter via said connecting means and said power line.

6. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 5, further comprising:

a current transformer, provided on said power line, for taking an electric current in a non-contact manner from said power line; and

a power source circuit for supplying the electric power to said controller based on the current taken by said current transformer.

7. (Currently Amended) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 1, wherein when, said on-the-spot area is within a train including a train radio device for adjusting a traffic schedule, the detection data stored in said memory are wirelessly transmitted to said second communication signal converter from said train radio device by use of said train radio device as said first communication signal converter.

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8. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 2, wherein, if said on-the-spot area is within an automobile, comprising:

a mobile record terminal downloaded with the detection data stored in said memory by connecting a communication cable, disconnectable from and connectable to said first communication signal converter; and

a mobile communication device, connected to said mobile record terminal, for converting the detection data downloaded into said mobile record terminal into the radio signals and transmitting the radio signals, wherein said general-purpose network includes at least one base station for receiving and converting the radio signals of said mobile communication device into the communication signals, and including a mobile communication network for transferring the communication signals converted by said base station to a public line network.

9. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 1, wherein, when said on-the-spot area is within an electric car including a battery for supplying electric power, the system comprises:

a power source/communication cable disconnectable from and connectable to said battery, connected to a power source; and

a power control device for charging said battery with electricity from said power source device by connecting said power source/communication cable to said battery, downloading the detection data stored in said memory, and transferring the detection data to said general-purpose network.

10. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 2, wherein said controller does not include said memory, detects a device state through said detector based on a preset detection start program if a communication route between said first communication signal converter and said general-purpose network is established, and outputs the detection data to said first communication signal converter based on a preset communication start program in accordance with the device state detected.

11. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 1, wherein

said maintenance tool outputs a state-of-device detection start command of the electric device to said controller at a predetermined time, and

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said controller executes the detection start program based on the state-of-device detection start command.

12. (Currently Amended) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 1, wherein

if said controller detects the device state through said detector with a fixed period, said maintenance tool outputs to said controller a command to change detection period of said detector in accordance with a diagnosed result from the detection data, based on a preset program, and

said controller detects the detection data from said detector with the detection period changed, based on the command to change the detection period.

13. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 1, further comprising a mobile communication device for issuing abnormality information upon receiving the abnormality information, wherein said maintenance tool transmits, if the diagnosed result from the detection data shows an abnormality, the abnormality information to said mobile communication device.

14. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 13, wherein said maintenance tool includes a maintenance procedure database storing maintenance procedure data corresponding to a variety of abnormal states, extracts the maintenance procedure data corresponding to the abnormal information from said maintenance procedure database if the diagnosed result from the detection data shows the abnormality, and transmits the extracted maintenance procedure data together with the abnormality information to said mobile communication device.

15. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 1, further comprising a user maintenance terminal connected to said general-purpose network and issuing the data received via said general-purpose network, wherein said maintenance tool is managed by an in-charge-of-maintenance company in charge of monitoring device state of the electric device and outputting the diagnosed result, based on said diagnostic/analytic program, to said maintenance terminal.

16. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 15, wherein said maintenance tool includes a device database storing device

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specifications of a variety of electric devices, and a maintenance procedure database storing maintenance procedure data corresponding to a variety of abnormal states, and outputs to said maintenance terminal the device specification corresponding to an electric device analyzed and the maintenance procedure data corresponding to the diagnosed result together with the diagnosed result based on said diagnostic/analytic program.

17. (Currently Amended) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 15, wherein

said mobile communication device is possessed by a maintenance worker of the in-charge-of-maintenance company in charge of monitoring the device state of the electric device,

said maintenance tool is managed by the in-charge-of-maintenance company and includes:

a position database storing position of said mobile communication device; and
a maintenance worker invoked program for extracting, if the diagnosed result based on said diagnostic/analytic program shows the abnormality, said mobile communication device closest in position to the electric device diagnosed as abnormal, based on said position database, and calling said mobile communication device.

18. (Previously Presented) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 17, wherein said maintenance tool includes a device database storing device specifications of a variety of electric devices, and a maintenance procedure database storing plural items of maintenance procedure data corresponding to a variety of abnormal states, and said maintenance worker invoked program calls said mobile communication device and provides said mobile communication device for the maintenance worker with the device specifications corresponding to the electric device diagnosed abnormal and the maintenance procedure data corresponding to the abnormal state.

19. (New) The state-of-device remote monitoring system according to claim 1, wherein the physical and electrical operating characteristics include temperature, vibration, current, and voltage of the electrical device.